Activation of Extradition Treaty between India and Nepal

2706. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether India and Nepal, during the recent visit of Nepalese Prime Minister, have agreed to activate the bilateral extradition treaty which was signed in 1953;

(b) whether any new treaty has been signed with certain modification; and

(c) if so, the details of the agreements and contents of the treaty?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (c) During the recent visit of the Nepalese Prime Minister to India from March 20—25, 2002, the two Prime Ministers noted the outcome of the Home Secretary-level talks on the bilateral extradition treaty between India and Nepal stressed the need for expeditious implementation of the decisions taken during that meeting, including an early conclusion of the Agreement for Mutual Legal Assistance and updating the Extradition Treaty.

American influence in stopping Pakistan sponsored cross border terrorism

†2707. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have used American influence in stopping Pakistan for meeting cross-border terrorism;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any change has been in Pakistan's policy towards terrorism after these efforts by India?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.